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COLORED POPULATION IN 1890

CLASSIFIED AS PERSONS OF AFRICAN DESCENT, CHINESE, JAPANESE, AND CIVILIZED INDIANS.

BY STATES AND TERRITORIES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
CENSUS OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 29, 1892.

The total colored population, as returned under the census of 1890, is 7,638,360. Of this number 7,470,040 are persons of African descent, 107,475 are Chinese, 2,039 are Japanese, and 58,806 are civilized Indians.

The figures contained in this bulletin are the results of the first detailed count of population according to color, and are subject to correction.

The persons of African descent have been further classified in the present census according to the number of blacks, mulattoes, quadroons, and octoroons, this separation having been specifically called for by the act of March 1, 1889, under which the census of 1890 was taken. This special inquiry is of such a nature, however, that any results obtained through the ordinary channels of census enumeration must be at the best only approximate. Comparative figures obtained on the same basis in 1900, if required at that census, will add appreciably to the value of the present results.

The civilized Indians reported in the national census as a part of the constitutional population of the country comprehend only those found among the general population and not under tribal relations. All other Indians in the United States, that is, those still in tribal relations or living upon reservations, supported in part or entirely by the government, do not form a part of the constitutional population and are not considered in this bulletin. This class of Indians, however, has been made the subject of a special inquiry, not only as to their number, but as to their present condition generally. The primary results of this special census, so far as their numbers are concerned, have already been presented in Census Bulletin No. 25.

The following table gives for each state and territory, arranged geographically, the colored population in the aggregate, as well as a detailed classification according to the number of blacks, mulattoes, quadroons, octoroons, Chinese, Japanese, and civilized Indians:

STATES AND TERRITORIES.	Total colored.	PERSONS OF AFRICAN DESCENT.					Chinese.	Japanese.	Civilized Indians.
		Total.	Blacks.	Mulattoes.	Quadroons.	Octoroons.			
The United States.....	7,638,360	7,470,040	6,337,980	956,989	105,135	69,936	107,475	2,039	58,806
North Atlantic division.....	279,564	269,906	207,175	51,492	6,240	4,999	6,177	247	8,234
Maine.....	1,828	1,190	507	462	107	114	73	1	559
New Hampshire.....	690	614	248	188	70	113	58	2	16
Vermont.....	1,004	937	521	328	51	37	32	1	34
Massachusetts.....	23,570	22,144	14,103	6,815	728	493	984	18	424
Rhode Island.....	7,647	7,393	5,396	1,079	220	92	69	5	180
Connecticut.....	12,820	12,302	9,221	2,453	367	261	272	18	228
New York.....	73,901	70,092	54,852	12,469	1,022	1,149	2,935	148	720
New Jersey.....	48,352	47,638	40,436	6,123	701	378	608	22	84
Pennsylvania.....	109,757	107,696	81,886	20,980	2,368	2,362	1,146	32	983
South Atlantic division.....	3,265,771	3,262,690	2,823,905	374,765	38,946	25,074	669	55	2,357
Delaware.....	28,427	28,386	24,837	3,213	197	139	37	.....	4
Maryland.....	215,897	215,657	181,296	31,094	2,078	1,189	189	7	44
District of Columbia.....	75,697	75,672	55,736	17,989	1,126	721	91	9	25
Virginia.....	635,858	635,438	512,997	107,217	9,772	5,452	55	16	349
West Virginia.....	32,717	32,690	23,336	7,583	758	1,013	15	3	9
North Carolina.....	562,565	561,018	483,817	65,687	5,897	5,617	32	1	1,514
South Carolina.....	689,141	688,934	621,781	53,400	8,120	5,633	34	.....	173
Georgia.....	858,996	858,815	773,682	72,072	8,795	4,266	108	5	68
Florida.....	166,473	166,180	146,423	16,510	2,203	1,044	108	14	171
North Central division.....	450,352	431,112	297,331	107,701	15,092	10,938	2,351	117	16,772
Ohio.....	87,511	87,113	50,078	29,191	4,112	3,732	183	22	193
Indiana.....	45,668	45,215	31,557	10,970	1,526	1,162	92	18	343
Illinois.....	57,879	57,028	40,346	13,583	1,862	1,237	740	14	97
Michigan.....	21,005	15,223	7,036	5,589	1,376	1,222	120	38	5,624
Wisconsin.....	6,407	2,444	1,007	782	290	365	119	9	3,835
Minnesota.....	5,667	3,693	1,981	1,166	310	226	94	2	1,888
Iowa.....	10,810	10,685	7,503	2,318	585	279	64	1	60
Missouri.....	150,726	150,184	114,739	30,966	2,932	1,547	409	6	127
North Dakota.....	596	373	153	109	70	41	28	1	194
South Dakota.....	1,518	541	310	164	44	23	195	.....	782
Nebraska.....	12,022	8,913	6,091	2,155	405	262	214	2	2,893
Kansas.....	50,543	49,710	36,530	10,708	1,580	892	93	4	736
South Central division.....	3,485,317	3,479,251	2,993,092	416,411	43,068	26,680	1,434	61	4,571
Kentucky.....	268,173	268,071	216,085	46,152	3,577	2,257	28	3	71
Tennessee.....	430,881	430,678	356,215	65,222	5,485	3,756	51	6	146
Alabama.....	679,269	678,480	601,069	65,993	7,040	4,387	148	7	769
Mississippi.....	744,749	742,559	637,393	72,945	8,039	4,182	17	8	2,086
Louisiana.....	560,192	559,193	468,240	76,840	8,597	5,516	333	39	627
Texas.....	489,588	488,171	422,447	55,319	6,219	4,186	710	3	704
Oklahoma.....	3,008	2,973	2,156	688	77	52	25	.....	10
Arkansas.....	309,427	309,117	269,487	33,262	4,034	2,344	92	.....	218
Western division.....	157,356	27,081	16,477	6,620	1,789	2,195	96,844	1,559	31,872
Montana.....	4,888	1,490	1,086	257	93	54	2,532	6	860
Wyoming.....	1,430	922	671	195	37	19	465	.....	43
Colorado.....	7,730	6,215	4,056	1,778	229	152	1,398	10	107
New Mexico.....	10,874	1,956	970	419	236	331	361	3	8,554
Arizona.....	4,040	1,357	932	390	20	15	1,170	1	1,512
Utah.....	2,006	588	379	145	29	35	806	4	608
Nevada.....	6,677	242	140	77	12	13	2,833	3	3,599
Idaho.....	2,367	201	100	53	30	18	2,007	.....	159
Washington.....	8,877	1,602	1,044	371	101	86	3,260	360	3,655
Oregon.....	12,009	1,186	557	287	134	208	9,540	25	1,258
California.....	96,458	11,322	6,542	2,648	868	1,264	72,472	1,147	11,517

RECAPITULATION BY GEOGRAPHICAL DIVISIONS.

The United States.....	7,638,360	7,470,040	6,337,980	956,989	105,135	69,936	107,475	2,039	58,806
North Atlantic division.....	279,564	269,906	207,175	51,492	6,240	4,999	6,177	247	8,234
South Atlantic division.....	3,265,771	3,262,690	2,823,905	374,765	38,946	25,074	669	55	2,357
North Central division.....	450,352	431,112	297,331	107,701	15,092	10,938	2,351	117	16,772
South Central division.....	3,485,317	3,479,251	2,993,092	416,411	43,068	26,680	1,434	61	4,571
Western division.....	157,356	27,081	16,477	6,620	1,789	2,195	96,844	1,559	31,872

The following table gives the distribution, by number and per cent, according to geographical divisions, for persons of African descent, Chinese, Japanese, and civilized Indians, the whole number returned for the United States as a whole in each case being considered as 100 per cent:

GEOGRAPHICAL DIVISIONS.	PERSONS OF AFRICAN DESCENT.		CHINESE.		JAPANESE.		CIVILIZED INDIANS.	
	Number.	Per cent.	Number.	Per cent.	Number.	Per cent.	Number.	Per cent.
The United States.....	7,470,040	100.00	107,475	100.00	2,039	100.00	58,806	100.00
North Atlantic	269,906	3.61	6,177	5.75	247	12.11	3,231	5.50
South Atlantic.....	3,262,690	43.68	669	0.62	55	2.70	2,357	4.01
North Central	431,112	5.77	2,351	2.19	117	5.74	16,772	28.52
South Central.....	3,479,251	46.58	1,434	1.33	61	2.99	4,571	7.77
Western	27,081	0.36	96,844	90.11	1,559	76.46	31,872	54.20

Of the whole number of persons of African descent, 3,262,690, or 43.68 per cent, are in the South Atlantic division of states, and 3,479,251, or 46.58 per cent, in the South Central division of states and territories. Of the total Chinese in the United States, 96,844, or 90.11 per cent, are found in the states and territories comprising the Western division. This is also true for the Japanese, there being in these same states and territories 1,559, or 76.46 per cent, out of a total of 2,039 Japanese for the United States as a whole. Of the civilized Indians, 31,872, or 54.20 per cent, are also found in the Western division, and 16,772, or 28.52 per cent, in the North Central division, mainly in the states of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Nebraska.

The 2 tables following give for each state and territory the number of persons of African descent, Chinese, Japanese, and civilized Indians returned at each census since and including 1850. In the census of 1850 no separate return was made of Chinese, Japanese, and civilized Indians, and in the second table, on page 5, no results regarding these 3 classes are given for that census year.

STATES AND TERRITORIES.	PERSONS OF AFRICAN DESCENT.				
	1890	1880	1870	1860	1850
The United States.....	7,470,040	6,580,793	4,880,009	4,441,830	3,638,808
North Atlantic division	269,906	229,417	179,738	156,001	149,762
Maine.....	1,190	1,451	1,606	1,327	1,356
New Hampshire.....	614	685	580	494	520
Vermont.....	937	1,057	924	709	718
Massachusetts.....	22,144	18,697	13,947	9,602	9,064
Rhode Island.....	7,393	6,488	4,980	3,952	3,670
Connecticut.....	12,302	11,547	9,608	8,627	7,693
New York.....	70,092	65,104	52,081	49,005	49,009
New Jersey.....	47,638	38,853	30,658	25,336	24,046
Pennsylvania.....	107,596	85,535	65,294	56,949	53,626
South Atlantic division	3,262,690	2,941,202	2,216,705	2,058,198	1,860,871
Delaware.....	28,886	26,442	22,794	21,627	20,363
Maryland.....	215,057	210,230	175,391	171,131	165,091
District of Columbia.....	75,572	59,596	43,404	14,316	13,746
Virginia.....	639,438	631,616	512,841	4548,907	4526,861
West Virginia.....	32,690	25,886	17,080	17,080	17,080
North Carolina.....	561,018	531,277	391,050	361,522	316,011
South Carolina.....	688,934	604,332	415,814	412,320	393,944
Georgia.....	858,815	725,183	546,142	465,698	384,613
Florida.....	166,180	126,690	91,689	62,677	40,242
North Central division.....	431,112	385,621	273,080	184,239	135,607
Ohio.....	87,113	79,900	63,213	36,673	25,279
Indiana.....	45,215	39,228	24,560	11,428	11,262
Illinois.....	57,028	46,368	28,762	7,628	5,436
Michigan.....	15,223	15,100	11,849	6,799	2,583
Wisconsin.....	2,444	2,702	2,113	1,171	635
Minnesota.....	3,683	1,564	759	259	39
Iowa.....	10,685	9,516	5,762	1,069	333
Missouri.....	150,184	145,350	118,071	118,503	90,040
North Dakota.....	373	6401	694	.....	.....
South Dakota.....	541	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nebraska.....	8,913	2,385	789	82	.....
Kansas.....	49,710	43,107	17,108	627	.....
South Central division.....	3,479,251	3,012,701	2,204,106	2,038,913	1,491,327
Kentucky.....	268,071	271,451	222,210	236,167	220,992
Tennessee.....	430,678	403,151	322,331	283,019	245,881
Alabama.....	678,489	600,103	475,510	437,770	345,100
Mississippi.....	742,559	650,291	444,201	437,404	310,808
Louisiana.....	559,193	483,655	364,210	350,373	262,271
Texas.....	488,171	393,384	253,475	182,921	68,558
Oklahoma.....	2,978	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arkansas.....	309,117	210,666	122,169	111,259	47,708
Western division.....	27,081	11,852	6,380	4,479	1,241
Montana.....	1,490	346	183	.....	.....
Wyoming.....	922	208	183	.....	.....
Colorado.....	6,215	2,435	456	46	.....
New Mexico.....	1,956	1,015	172	85	22
Arizona.....	1,357	155	26	.....	.....
Utah.....	538	232	118	59	50
Nevada.....	242	488	357	45	.....
Idaho.....	201	53	60	.....	.....
Washington.....	1,602	325	207	30	.....
Oregon.....	1,186	487	346	128	207
California.....	11,322	6,018	4,272	4,086	962

RECAPITULATION BY GEOGRAPHICAL DIVISIONS.

The United States.....	7,470,040	6,580,793	4,880,009	4,441,830	3,638,808
North Atlantic division.....	269,906	229,417	179,738	156,001	149,762
South Atlantic division.....	3,262,690	2,941,202	2,216,705	2,058,198	1,860,871
North Central division.....	431,112	385,621	273,080	184,239	135,607
South Central division.....	3,479,251	3,012,701	2,204,106	2,038,913	1,491,327
Western division.....	27,081	11,852	6,380	4,479	1,241

a West Virginia set off from Virginia December 31, 1862.

b Dakota territory.

STATES AND TERRITORIES.	CHINESE.				JAPANESE.				CIVILIZED INDIANS.			
	1890	1880	1870	1860	1890	1880	1870	1860	1890	1880	1870	1860
The United States.....	107,475	105,465	63,199	34,933	2,039	148	55	.....	58,806	66,407	25,731	44,021
North Atlantic division.....	6,177	1,628	187	.....	247	41	21	.....	3,234	2,477	1,565	239
Maine.....	73	8	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	559	625	499	5
New Hampshire.....	58	14	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	10	63	23	.....
Vermont.....	32	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	34	11	14	20
Massachusetts.....	984	229	87	.....	18	8	10	.....	424	369	161	32
Rhode Island.....	69	27	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	180	77	154	19
Connecticut.....	272	123	2	.....	18	6	.....	.....	228	255	235	16
New York.....	2,935	909	29	.....	148	17	.....	.....	726	819	439	140
New Jersey.....	608	170	5	.....	22	2	10	.....	84	74	16	.....
Pennsylvania.....	1,146	148	13	.....	32	8	1	.....	683	184	34	7
South Atlantic division.....	669	74	11	.....	55	5	.....	.....	2,357	1,804	1,656	1,398
Delaware.....	37	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	5	.....	.....
Maryland.....	189	5	2	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	44	15	4	.....
District of Columbia.....	91	13	3	.....	9	4	.....	.....	25	5	15	1
Virginia.....	55	6	4	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	340	85	229	.....
West Virginia.....	15	5	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	9	29	1	a112
North Carolina.....	32	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	1,514	1,230	1,241	1,158
South Carolina.....	34	9	1	.....	173	131	.....	.....	173	131	124	88
Georgia.....	108	17	1	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	68	124	40	38
Florida.....	108	18	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	171	180	2	1
North Central division.....	2,351	813	9	.....	117	8	1	.....	16,772	16,216	9,518	12,508
Ohio.....	183	109	1	.....	22	3	.....	.....	193	130	100	30
Indiana.....	92	29	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	343	246	240	290
Illinois.....	740	209	1	.....	14	3	.....	.....	97	140	32	32
Michigan.....	120	27	1	.....	38	1	1	.....	5,624	7,249	4,026	6,172
Wisconsin.....	119	16	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	3,835	3,161	1,206	1,017
Minnesota.....	94	24	.....	.....	2	1	.....	.....	1,888	2,300	690	2,360
Iowa.....	64	33	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	60	466	48	65
Missouri.....	409	91	3	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	127	113	75	20
North Dakota.....	28	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	194	.....	.....	.....
South Dakota.....	105	b238	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	782	61,391	61,200	62,261
Nebraska.....	214	18	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2,893	235	87	63
Kansas.....	93	19	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	736	815	914	169
South Central division.....	1,434	848	211	.....	61	.....	.....	.....	4,571	4,507	2,122	879
Kentucky.....	28	10	1	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	71	50	108	33
Tennessee.....	51	25	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	140	352	70	60
Alabama.....	48	4	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	759	213	98	160
Mississippi.....	147	51	16	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	2,036	1,857	809	2
Louisiana.....	333	489	71	.....	39	.....	.....	.....	427	818	569	173
Texas.....	710	136	25	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	704	992	379	403
Oklahoma.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....
Arkansas.....	92	133	08	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	218	195	89	48
Western division.....	96,844	102,102	62,831	34,933	1,559	94	33	.....	31,872	41,373	10,870	28,997
Montana.....	2,532	1,765	1,949	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	860	1,668	157	.....
Wyoming.....	465	914	143	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	140	66	.....
Colorado.....	1,398	612	7	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	107	154	180	.....
New Mexico.....	361	57	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	8,554	9,772	1,309	10,507
Arizona.....	1,170	1,630	20	.....	1	2	.....	.....	1,512	3,493	31	.....
Utah.....	806	501	445	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	608	807	179	89
Nevada.....	2,833	5,416	3,152	.....	3	3	.....	.....	3,599	2,803	23	.....
Idaho.....	2,007	3,379	4,274	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	159	165	47	.....
Washington.....	3,260	3,186	234	.....	360	1	.....	.....	3,655	4,405	1,319	426
Oregon.....	9,540	9,510	3,330	.....	25	2	.....	.....	1,258	1,694	318	177
California.....	72,472	75,132	49,277	34,933	1,147	86	33	.....	11,517	16,277	7,241	17,798

RECAPITULATION BY GEOGRAPHICAL DIVISIONS.

The United States.....	107,475	105,465	63,199	34,933	2,039	148	55	.....	58,806	66,407	25,731	44,021
North Atlantic division.....	6,177	1,628	137	.....	247	41	21	.....	3,234	2,477	1,565	239
South Atlantic division.....	669	74	11	.....	55	5	.....	.....	2,357	1,804	1,656	1,398
North Central division.....	2,351	813	9	.....	117	8	1	.....	16,772	16,216	9,518	12,508
South Central division.....	1,434	848	211	.....	61	.....	.....	.....	4,571	4,507	2,122	879
Western division.....	96,844	102,102	62,831	34,933	1,559	94	33	.....	31,872	41,373	10,870	28,997

a West Virginia set off from Virginia December 31, 1862.

b Dakota territory.

From the foregoing tables the following table for the United States as a whole is derived, giving separately for each class of the colored population under consideration the whole number returned at each census from 1850 to 1890, inclusive, together with the number and per cent of increase in each case during each decade:

CENSUS YEARS.	PERSONS OF AFRICAN DESCENT.			CHINESE.			JAPANESE.			CIVILIZED INDIANS.		
	Total.	Increase.		Total.	Increase.		Total.	Increase.		Total.	Increase.	
		Number.	Per cent.		Number.	Per cent.		Number.	Per cent.		Number.	Per cent.
1890.....	7,470,040	889,247	13.51	107,475	2,010	1.91	2,039	1,891	1,277.70	58,806	7,601	11.45
1880.....	6,580,793	1,700,784	34.85	105,465	42,266	66.88	148	93	169.09	66,407	40,676	158.08
1870.....	4,880,009	438,179	9.86	63,199	28,266	80.91	55	55	.....	25,731	18,290	41.55
1860.....	4,441,830	803,022	22.07	34,933	34,933	.....	.....	.....	.....	44,021	44,021	.....
1850.....	3,638,808	765,160	20.63	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

a Decrease.

Considering persons of African descent, it is seen that there has been an increase during the decade from 1880 to 1890 of 889,247, or 13.51 per cent, as against an increase during the decade from 1870 to 1880 of 1,700,784, or 34.85 per cent. The abnormal increase of the colored population of the South during the decade ending in 1880 led to the popular belief that the negroes were increasing at a much greater rate than the white population. The present census has shown, however, that the high rate of increase in the colored population, as shown by the census of 1880, was apparent only, and was due to the imperfect enumeration of 1870 in the southern states, as has been fully demonstrated in Census Bulletin No. 16, giving the official population of the United States in 1890.

There has been an increase in the number of Chinese in the United States during the decade from 1880 to 1890 of only 2,010, or 1.91 per cent, the number returned in 1880 being 105,465 and the number returned in 1890 being 107,475. The Chinese increased 66.88 per cent from 1870 to 1880 and 80.91 per cent from 1860 to 1870.

In 1880 the Japanese in the United States numbered only 148 while in 1890 they numbered 2,039. In 1870 there were only 55 Japanese returned under that census.

The civilized Indians have decreased during the past 10 years 7,601, or 11.45 per cent, the number returned in 1880 being 66,407 as against 58,806 returned in 1890.

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